

FRANKFORT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1847.

The Hon. BEN. HARDIN'S SPEECH, in defence of himself, before the Committee on Executive Affairs, is now in Press, and gentlemen wishing extra copies will be good enough to leave their names, and the number of copies wanted, at the counting room of this office immediately.

Frankfort, Feb. 10, 1847.

In consequence of the breaking of a part of the machinery of our power press, we were unable to mail our papers on yesterday, at the usual hour.

THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.—We have received several communications, touching the propriety of holding a district convention, in conformity to the suggestions of the correspondent of the Lexington Observer & Reporter, whose communication we published a few days since. The crowded state of our columns, if there were no other valid reasons, would preclude the possibility of our publishing such communications, especially, the favor of our friend "Vindex," which covers nine pages, very closely written. But we have another objection to "Vindex;" the spirit manifested by him, is not such, as, in our opinion, ought to actuate a whig at this, or indeed at any other time.

As yet, however, there are no whig candidates for Congress, in the field in this district. Several gentlemen have been spoken of in connection with the office, but none of them have been publicly announced. Whether a convention will be necessary at all or not, cannot now be determined. It is to be hoped the question will be, as it has been heretofore, settled without resorting to such an expedient. If, however, it shall become necessary to hold a convention, it will be quite time enough when that necessity shall have arisen, to discuss the relative merit of the aspirants, and even then, such a discussion ought to be conducted in a spirit of great frankness and candor.

An old sheriff of one of the largest counties in the Commonwealth, writing to a friend in this place, in regard to the bill "to amend the revenue laws," which we published in the Senate proceedings on yesterday, says: "Judge James' financial report, is the best I have ever seen on the subject, and I should like to see a bill introduced and passed in accordance with it."

SOUR GRAPES.—The Washington correspondent of the Pennsylvanian, (Democratic) says, Mr. Benton cares very little for the Lieutenant Generalship, and would resist to take it now if it were offered to him!

VOLUNTEERS AT NEW ORLEANS.—The city of New Orleans was visited on the night of the 23d, with a terrible thunder-storm. The rain fell in torrents all that night, and part of the next day, deluging the whole country around the city. The second regiment of Mississippi volunteers, and the second regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, were encamped on the Battle Ground, a few miles below the city, "up to their knees in mud and water," and this too, says the Tropic, when the U. S. Barracks were unoccupied. The Cameron Guards, Stockton Artillery, and Philadelphia Rangers, had nearly all their blankets swept away by the waters. The Tropic adds:

About two hundred of the Pennsylvanians have left the camp and have come up to the city. Fifteen or more left last evening in one of the steamers for "home, sweet home," and we are informed that many more will start by the first opportunity. In what we have said we have not designed reflecting upon any officer of the Government in this city. It is the Government that we aim at. Its agents at this point (the base of all the army operations) should have been supplied with the requisite means to furnish quarters, clothing, provisions, and everything necessary for the health and comfort of the noble spirits who patriotically embark in their country's service.

The N. O. Atlas of the 27th says, the whole of the Mississippi regiment is at last on shipboard, and will soon be on their way to the field of operations. Their stay in this city has been most unfortunate.—Forty have already died, and many others are dangerously ill!

FRANKFORT, Feb. 9th, 1847.

LEWIS HARVEY, Esq.

Sir:—Having confidence in your mental and moral worth; we, the undersigned, in behalf of ourselves and the citizens of Frankfort, request (if suited to your time and convenience) that you deliver an oration on the 22nd instant, at such place and hour as may hereafter be fixed.

With great respect, your friends, &c.,
O. G. CATES,
JAMES DAVIDSON,
S. R. SAMUEL,
S. L. SHARP,
P. U. MAJOR,
JOHN W. FINNELL, &c.

STATE DEBTS.—A communication in the London Times refers to the indiscriminate censure which is cast upon all the States of the Union, by reason of the financial deficiencies of a few, and proceeds to give a statement of the liabilities of each of the indebted States, with some account of the manner in which their respective obligations have been met.—A brief recapitulation enumerates nine States which have no public debt—at least none in which English holders are concerned. Those nine States are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina and Missouri. Nine States have regularly paid their interest without interruption, viz: Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Pennsylvania suspended payment in August, 1842, and resumed in February, 1845.

The following eight have failed to pay their debts, and are still in default: Mississippi failed to pay in May, 1841; Indiana, July, 1841; Illinois, January, 1842; Florida, January, 1842; Michigan, January, 1842; Maryland, January, 1842; Louisiana, (on part of her debt,) December, 1842; Arkansas, 1841.

EXTRA SESSIONS.—The following extra sessions of Congress have been called since the organization of our Government:

John Adams was inaugurated on the 4th of March, 1797. He convened Congress May 16, 1797. His first annual address was delivered Nov. 32, 1797. Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated the 4th of March, 1801. He ordered a full session Oct. 17, 1803.

James Madison was inaugurated the 4th of March, 1809. He convened Congress May 23, 1809; also on the 25th of May, 1813.

Martin Van Buren was inaugurated the 4th of March, 1837, and convened Congress on the 4th of September, 1837.

William Henry Harrison was inaugurated the 4th of March, 1841, and called an extra session of Congress to meet on the 31st of May, 1841.

To the Editor of the Commonwealth:

DEAR SIR: After the vote on the convention bill, and the report of the yeas and nays in your paper, I discovered that my name was not among the voters upon that question. It was a mistake in your reporter; and I cared but little about it, knowing that my vote was recorded in favor of the bill on the Journal of the House. But I am informed to-day, that some low, dirty creature in the Green River Country, has been already circulating the report, that I did not vote on the convention bill on its final passage. But (to use his own classic phraseology,) "skulked behind the baggage wagon." Now I have only to say, that I did vote on that bill, and that the report to the contrary, is a vile slander.

Yours, &c.,

Feb. 9, 1847. ASA YOUNG.

DIED.

At the residence of Mr. H. B. Clumous, in this city, on the 31st of Jan., 1847, after a long illness, Dr. JOHN BENNETT, in the 33d year of his age.

Dr. Bennett was much beloved by his neighbors and acquaintances, and enjoyed in every community where he lived, a high reputation as a physician, and an amiable man. In early life, he turned his attention to the science of medicine, and was a successful practitioner, at different times, in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia. In 1813 he entered the army under the appointment of assistant surgeon, and his usefulness and standing in that position are well known. In 1814 he was elected to the Senate of Kentucky from the district then composed of the counties of Campbell and Pendleton. His services in the Senate were creditable to himself and valuable to his constituents, whose interests he faithfully and ably represented. He was one of his fellow members. In 1815 he was induced by much invitation to become a candidate for reelection, and although there was a large majority of the party to which he did not belong, there was good hope of his success, because of his great popularity with all parties. He declined, however, the election on account of ill health, and in due season he returned to his home in Kentucky. He has left a devoted family to mourn his loss, who receive the sympathies of the whole community here, and his numerous friends and acquaintances elsewhere, all concurring to testify that he was a kind, benevolent, generous, and an honest man.

"Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit! rest thee now!
Ere while with us thy footsteps trod,
Thy seal was on thy brow,
Dust to the narrow home beneath!
Soul to its place on high!
They that have seen thy look in death,
No more may see thee die."

Licking Valley Register.

General Advertisements.

A Nurse Wanted.

I WISH to hire for the remainder of the year, a NEGRO GIRL, suitable for a NURSE. J. W. PRETT, Frankfort, Feb. 10, 1847.

Notice.

THE said Auditor is ready to issue warrants in favor of the Commissioners of Common Schools, for 1846—Members of the Legislature, and all other persons authorized to receive the amounts due, can call on R. T. DILLARD, Super. Pub. Inst. February 9th, 1847.

Kentucky Military Institute.

This Institution, created by an Act of the General Assembly, will be opened for the reception of Pupils, on the 1st of March, 1847, under the immediate direction and entire control of a

Board of Visitors.

Appointed by the Executive of the Commonwealth. It contemplates a Military Organization for Literary and Scientific purposes; an education adapted to the needs of the State; the formation of regular habits, and the diffusion of a knowledge of Military Science.

Military duties will not be permitted to interfere with the pupils' progress in study, but will rather take the place of his unprofitable, and often, vicious play.

The course of study adopted, and which will be required in order to graduation, is that usually taught in the best Colleges, except that but one language is required, (Latin or French), the one usually occupied by the second, being devoted to a more extensive course in Mathematics, Natural Science and English Literature.

A Preparatory Department is organized in connection with the Institute, in which boys of any age are taken, and are subjected to the same Military discipline as the Cadets.

The position of the Institute, at the Franklin Springs, near Frankfort, Kentucky, (recently occupied by the Franklin Institute, is admirably adapted to every respect to Academic and practical; the locality being airy and healthy, the mineral waters salutary, the buildings elegant, extensive and commodious, and the grounds about the campus and beautiful and well cultivated, which seem inseparable from a city or village residence.

The Institution is placed under the charge of Col. R. T. P. ALLEN, as Superintendent, who has been brought from the United States Military Academy; his subsequent connection with the Army, and with the General Staff of the General Government, as Superintendent of public works; by his long experience as an Instructor, by his recent connection with the Transylvania University.

The Academic Year will be divided into two Sessions of twenty-one weeks each.

The first commencing on the 1st Monday in October, and the second on the 1st Monday in March. The only vacation occupying the months of August and September.

The month of July will be spent in an excursion through the State, for the better study of its Geology and of Natural Science generally.

Applicants for admission, on paying the charge of the Institute, and presenting a certificate of good moral character, will be admitted into the classes as their studies may justify, and upon satisfactory passing the next examination thereafter, will be entitled to a warrant of appointment, as Cadet, from the Governor. The uniform of the Cadets is plain and neat, and being of Kentucky Jeans, will greatly reduce the expense of their clothing.

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE.

His Excellency, the Governor of Kentucky, Inspector, (ex-officio).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Gen. Peter Dudley, Adjutant General, (ex-officio).
Hon. Henry Clay, Ashland.
Hon. J. J. Crittenden, Frankfort.
Hon. John W. Russell, Frankfort County.
Hon. David Thomson, Woodford County.
Hon. John T. Pratt, Scott County.
Hon. John Speed Smith, Madison County.
Hon. John L. Helm, Hardin County.
Col. Henry C. Payne, Fayette County.
Col. Thomas Jackson, Louisville.

ACADEMIC STAFF.

Col. R. T. P. ALLEN, A. M., Superintendent and Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering.

Lieut. Col. F. A. HALL, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Belles Lettres.

Maj. M. S. HARVON, A. M., Professor of Modern Languages and Natural Science.

Jacob T. HUNTER, M. D., Surgeon and Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.

Maj. R. N. ALLEN, Professor of Elementary Science—Preparatory Department.

Capt. THOMAS O. ANDERSON, Assistant Instructor of Tactics.

TERMS.

Institute charge per year of ten months—for Board, Tuition, Lights, Fuel, Washing and Medical attendance, (payable half yearly in advance), \$100 00

Charge in the Preparatory Department, for same, (payable half yearly in advance), 120 00

Music, German and Spanish Languages, (extra) each, 10 00

French, Painting, or Drawing, either, 10 00

Washing, per dozen, 37

Latin and Greek without extra charge.

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